

Dr. Jeffrey Starr

In 2012, Dr. Jeffrey Starr co-founded and serves as managing director of Neo Prime Solutions, Inc., a software product development and analytic services company with offices in California and Virginia, specializing in cybersecurity, fraud detection, and business and government security consulting.

Previously, from 2008-2011, Dr. Starr was Senior Vice President for Corporate Development for G4S Americas, a publicly traded company providing security solutions to corporate and government clients. His chief responsibility was to implement the new Group security solutions strategy particularly in high security critical infrastructure sectors, and to develop new forward looking services lines through organic growth and acquisitions. In 2010, he was selected as one of 25 senior managers globally for the G4S Strategic Leadership Network program. From 2006 until 2008, Dr. Starr was Vice President in the Business Intelligence Group of Goldman Sachs in New York, evaluating reputational and regulatory risks to the Firm, principally in Emerging Market countries, from exposure to illicit financial activities in a broad range of transactions, and advising on options to restructure transactions to mitigate such risks.

For 21 years, Dr. Starr served in a variety of positions in the U.S. Government, reaching the rank of Senior Executive Service 5. From 2001 to 2006, he worked in the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Special Operations as the Senior Advisor for Combating Terrorism, supporting U.S. military activities in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere principally through the development of a new DoD program to disrupt terrorist financial networks. He was the senior DoD representative in USG negotiations with Russia and Uzbekistan in preparation for Operation Enduring Freedom after 9/11. From 1998 to 2001, Dr. Starr was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, serving as the point person for developing U.S. defense and security relations with each of the 12 states of the former Soviet Union. From 1994 to 1998, Dr. Starr served in a variety of positions overseeing policy development related to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, and nuclear and biological weapons arms control, as well as serving as the policy and operational lead for sensitive counter

proliferation and pre-emptive acquisition projects to remove materials related to weapons of mass destruction from the marketplace to prevent their proliferation to adversarial state and non-state actors.

Dr. Starr received two medals from the Secretary of Defense, one for a 1994 project that acquired over 600 kilograms of weapons-grade highly enriched uranium in Kazakhstan, and a second for other pre-emptive acquisition projects, including two nuclear-related projects in Georgia and Moldova, and for various successes in building U.S. security ties with the former Soviet republics, including projects related to counterterrorism cooperation, Caspian pipeline security, Central Asian border security, peacekeeping activities in Kosovo, establishment of the DoD-Turkish General Staff Working Group on Defense Cooperation in Caucasus and Central Asia, and other actions that supported the sovereignty and territorial integrity of various former Soviet republics.

Dr. Starr received his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in international relations with a concentration in applied mathematical modeling, and a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Illinois with a minor in Genetics and Development. He is a Member of the U.S. Secretary of Defense's Threat Reduction Advisory Committee, adjunct professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Member of the Board of Advisors for the Department of Physics, University of Maryland.